

MCADOO RETURNS.

Says South American Statesmen Are for Merchant Marine.

Washington, May 4.—Secretary McAdoo, back from the Buenos Aires meeting of the international high commission, declared in a statement tonight that leading South American statesmen agreed with him that quick development of a merchant marine under an American flag and completion of a Pan-American railway are the most important factors to be considered in plans for closer unity among American nations. The secretary and the other members of the United States section of the commission reached Hampton Roads on the cruiser Tennessee early today and immediately came to the capital.

Mr. McAdoo, as head of the section, reviewed the work of the Buenos Aires meeting at length and announced that in all the countries he visited on the way back from Argentina he found most friendly feeling toward the United States.

"I had the honor and privilege of meeting and conversing with the presidents of Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Panama, Cuba and Haiti, and I also met many of the leading statesmen of South America, with whom I discussed questions of national interest," said the statement. "Everywhere I found an earnest desire to strengthen commercial, financial and political relations with the United States, and everywhere we were met with a genuinely friendly attitude and a complete absence of that suspicion and distrust of the United States which has, until recently, existed to a more or less degree in some, at least, of the Central and South American countries. This is a very fortunate development. It is due primarily to the politics and utterances of President Wilson and to the suggestions made by the United States for mutual guarantees of the territorial integrity and political independence of all the American republics.

"Every leading statesman in South America with whom I talked emphasized the paramount importance of a merchant marine under the flag of the United States, or under the flags of the different American nations, if American financial and commercial relations are to be enlarged upon an enduring foundation. The hope was expressed in every country, and was voiced in the resolutions unanimously adopted by the international high commission, that the United States will promptly solve this pressing problem, and there was frank recognition that the United States alone has the financial resources to do so.

"Another question of great importance is the completion of the intercontinental railway connecting North and South America through the Isthmus of Panama. Outside of ocean transportation no other undertaking is more essential to the future development of North and South America than the construction of this great railroad. It is not a visionary idea; it is a very practicable idea, and one that can be realized at much less cost than the Panama canal.

"The total distance between New York and Buenos Aires by rail is 10,300 miles, of which approximately 7,400 miles have been built and are now in operation, leaving approximately 2,900 miles to be constructed."

Belgium's Mystery Paper.

One of the most remarkable newspapers that ever has been published is the famous Libre Belgique, published regularly in Belgium, says the Kansas City Journal.

Where it is printed, how it gathers its news, and how it is distributed is a mystery that has baffled and enraged the German authorities in Belgium since the beginning of the war.

The newspaper is extremely outspoken, printing German defeats in big type, giving account of German cruelties, jeering at German boasts, and in every way saying the nastiest possible things about the "Huns" in Brussels and other Belgian towns.

Not only that, but every morning the German governor, von Bissing, receives a free copy of the paper, though no one has yet been able to find out how it reaches him.

The general is so mad about it that he has increased the reward for the discovery of the editor or the printing press of Belgium's newspaper from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

Libre Belgique is not only circulated throughout Belgium, but it regularly arrives in France. It is the law in France, as here, that the name and place where a paper is printed must appear on it. Libre Belgique says that it is printed in a cellar on wheels.

The way women talk to babies: "Kootchee, kissie, huggy." Makes me wonder why it doesn't Drive the baby buggy.

—Florida Times-Union.

LOST BY POKER PLAYING.

King's Passion for Game Led Him Into Austrian Toils.

A Rome dispatch to the New York Sun says: King Nicholas, of Montenegro's favorite game is poker, which he plays very badly and yet always wins. It is an open secret that during the last ten years the old king regularly spent many hours every day playing poker with the diplomatic representatives of the great powers accredited at his court, whose chief and best qualification consisted in allowing him to win; thus a great portion of their office allowance was transferred into the king's pockets.

The more a diplomatist lost in poker at the royal palace at Cetinje the greater was the influence he acquired with the king, who judged ministers and the countries they represented according to the amounts they could afford to lose at poker.

"In the king's pocket," a diplomatist who spent many years in Montenegro recently said, "one will find Russian rubles, English sovereigns, Austrian crowns and French Napoleons all mixed together, and strangely enough, in some mysterious way, enemy coins still kept filling the king's pockets even during the war despite the fact that the representatives of the central powers, both notoriously bad poker players, left Cetinje early in August, 1914."

The discovery made by this diplomatist and expressed in diplomatic language, figurative but quite plain, was far from a mystery to many people who tried to explain it by openly hinting that the German wife of the crown prince of Montenegro, Duchess Jutta (Militta) of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, probably continued to receive her allowance from Germany during the war. Her husband, Prince Danilo, spent most of his time abroad, even when war broke out, preferably in Switzerland or Southern France, and his absence from Montenegro was regarded with suspicion, especially by the French, but then nobody suspected his father of conspiring with the enemy.

Continued to Play Poker.

The old king continued to play poker with the representatives of the allies at Cetinje and during the early part of the war Montenegro fought side by side with the Serbians against the Austrians. Nobody then doubted that King Nicholas was not heart and soul with the allies.

The French and English helped Montenegro and French naval guns with French artillerymen were sent to Montenegro and bombarded Cattaro from the Lovcheu. The Russians sent munitions and money to Montenegro and the Italians provisions and supplies, but nothing came out of the Anglo-French naval operations in the Adriatic and Cattaro remained Austrian.

When Italy entered the war the king of Montenegro was most enthusiastic, and despite the fact that there was no love lost between him and his son-in-law, Victor Emmanuel, cordial telegrams were exchanged. It was then expected that the Montenegrins and the Serbians would resume the offensive against the Austrians in order to prevent them from sending troops to the western frontier against Italy. Instead nothing was done.

The Serbian army was being reorganized after driving out the Austrian invaders and the nation, after defeating another dangerous foe in the shape of typhus fever, was resting on its military laurels. The Montenegrins did not even attempt to explain their passive attitude toward Austria, but only complained because Italian help was lacking.

Meanwhile the Austrians, who could have easily attacked Montenegro, were likewise passive. Hardly any troops were left along the Montenegrin frontier, and the heavy artillery defending Sarajevo in the early days of the war threatened by the Montenegrins was sent to the Italian front.

Occasionally an Austrian aeroplane flew over Montenegro and dropped bombs over Cetinje and Podgoritz, but even these air raids stopped, and from May to October, 1915, hardly a shot was fired between the Montenegrins and the Austrians.

Explanation of Premier.

The report spread in Italy last summer that Montenegro was in league with Austria. This report was one of many, all unfavorable to Montenegro, but, as it was based on a positive fact, that of a conference between Prince Peter and an Austrian officer, it needed besides a denial also an explanation. A former Montenegrin premier who happened to be in Paris was accordingly instructed to grant an interview, the gist of which was more or less as follows:

"King Nicholas," the former premier said, "was indignant against the Austrians for dropping bombs over undefended towns and killing women and children, and threatened reprisals consisting in shooting the Austrian prisoners captured by the

Montenegrins. Prince Peter was accordingly instructed to inform the Austrians of his father's decision and he sent his aid-de-camp to the Austrian lines with a request that he wanted to confer with the late military attaché at Cetinje, Major Hupka. The major happened to be on the Isonzo fighting the Italians, but he was summoned at once and he motored all the way from Goritz to Cattaro, where he conferred with Prince Peter.

"The news that a conference had been solicited by the prince originated the report that an armistice had been concluded, but this report was utterly unfounded," the former Montenegrin premier declared, although since then the Austrians omitted to drop bombs over Montenegro.

It is more probable that Italy, whose representative at Cetinje played poker atrociously, by the way, knew all about this conference, which subsequent events proved to have related to something more important than bomb dropping. This may explain why no guns were sent from here to replace the French ones on the Lovcheu. Still, King Nicholas continued to invoke help from the allies and he even went so far as to issue a proclamation to his heroic people exhorting them to fight to the bitter end and affirming his determination to defend Montenegro until the last cartridge was fired and the last man was killed. Montenegrins, he said, prefer death to surrender and he said he was going to lead them from mountain to mountain and that the national traditions of heroism were going to be renewed.

Allies Send Help.

King Nicholas's merits as a statesman certainly are worthy of recognition, as his proclamation had the desired effect, and the allies decided to send help, including guns, for the Lovcheu. The guns were accordingly sent, unfortunately on a Greek ship owned by an Austrian, who, when in mid-Adriatic signalled to an Austrian submarine which was in waiting to sink the ship with her cargo after naturally giving ample time to the crew to take to the boats. Other ships with munitions and provisions were similarly sunk by the Austrians, thanks to valuable information supplied by the Montenegrins, who even tolerated their port of Antivari to be closed with Austrian mine fields.

The Italians, however, succeeded in landing provisions, especially flour, at San Giovanni di Medua, both for the Serbians and the Montenegrins, and asked the latter to have them transported to Cetinje and Scutari. Despite the fact that the Montenegrins had 200 transport carts and 2,000 draught horses, presented to King Nicholas by the czar of Russia, they refused to carry the provisions inland and neglected to repair the road between Medua and Scutari. The provisions were partly looted by the Montenegrins, who sold them to the Albanians, and partly allowed to deteriorate.

Instead the road between Jacova and Scutari, which the Austrians will in all probability use in advancing to Scutari, was thoroughly repaired by the Montenegrins immediately after they occupied this city with Austria's tacit consent.

There is every reason to believe that a secret agreement was concluded between Montenegro and Austria last August during the conference between Prince Peter and Major Hupka, at which the late Austrian minister at Cetinje, Baron Otto, is believed to have been present. According to this agreement, Austria promised Montenegro territorial compensations in Novibazar and Albania, including, of course, Scutari, which the Montenegrins had to occupy at once against the cession of Mount Lovcheu, which the Austrians prepared to capture at an early date soon after crushing Serbia with the help of the Germans and Bulgarians. Evidently some provision was made for the restoration of the Prince of Wied as Mpret of Albania, who in fact has been at Prisrend more than a month waiting to advance toward Durazzo.

The agreement was conditional on the success of the Austro-German invasion of Serbia and in fact it was confirmed or rectified last October. News of it was brought to Rome by a British officer who, it is reported, secured a copy of it at Cetinje, rushed to Scutari and from there to Avlona, whence he came to Italy on a torpedo boat at full speed.

The reason the allies and especially Italy did not take any action against Montenegro after they had secured evidence that the king was in league with Austria has not been explained. Possibly it was one of the allies' many mistakes.

Intensive Gardening.

Mr. Rural Hamlet, to ministerial visitor: Do have some more of the corn, Mr. Eighty; it came out of our own garden.

Little Buttin Hamlet: Yes, and the chicken came out of our own garden, too. Pa said he bet the folks next door would keep their hens at home after he caught a few more of 'em.—Country Gentleman.

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These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Mrs. Lillian C. Jones, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Bamberg, on Saturday, May 13th, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

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